Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A control device of a multicylinder internal combustion engine [[(1)]] provided with a valve operating characteristic control means [[(9)]] for controlling a valve operating characteristic of at least one of an intake valve [[(2)]] and exhaust valve [[(3)]], which estimates an intake difference of cylinders and limits a control range of said valve operating characteristic in accordance with said estimated intake difference.